Heavy rain for parts of the UK

14 January 2011 - Forecasters at the Met Office are monitoring the development of a slow-moving weather front, which could produce significant amounts of rain over the weekend.

A Met Office early warning has been issued for Cumbria for heavy rain, especially across the highest fells. Met Office advisories have also been issued for parts of Wales, North West England, Northern Ireland and much of southern and western Scotland.

Steve Willington, Met Office Chief Forecaster said: "Unsettled conditions will bring heavy and persistent rain through Saturday and into Sunday. The high ground of North West Wales and more particularly parts of Cumbria are likely to see the heaviest rainfall as the rain lingers across these areas into Sunday morning."

The Environment Agency said: "With further rain forecast by the Met Office over the weekend, and the ground approaching saturation point, further flood alerts and flood warnings are likely to be issued. These may remain in place over the weekend and into next week.

"The heavy rainfall expected in Cumbria may result in some flooding of roads and some properties, although severe flooding, such as that seen in November 2009 is not anticipated."

The public are advised to stay up to date with the latest weather forecasts and warnings on the Met Office website and get the latest information and sign up to free flood warnings by going to the Environment Agency website or calling Floodline on 0845 988 1188.

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